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### BOARD TAKES ACTION ON ROAD DEPART- MENT SITUATION

The people of Mohave county will be pleased to learn that the misunderstanding regarding the county engineer was amicably adjusted at the meeting of the board of supervisors last Monday when Ralph H. Hayward was again elected to that position. County Attorney John M. Hines assured the board that no one not a resident of the county could be appointed to the position, which made the appointment of H. M. Bargman abortive, Mr. Bargman being a citizen of Maricopa county. Mr. Bargman was appointed to the position of county engineer at a meeting of the board of supervisors on the 15th of last month, to take office on the first day of February. He is said to be an excellent gentleman and a qualified engineer, but the fact of non-citizenship made it impossible for him to qualify for that position.

We believe that the board of supervisors made no mistake when they selected Mr. Hayward. He has made good in every department and the work that he has been planning the past year will soon be apparent in added highway mileage and betterment of the existing roads. The people of the county, especially those who believe in good roads, will feel relieved that the situation has clarified itself.

Mohave county is just now engaged in a large amount of basic roadwork and the organization that has been built up during the past two years is capable of carrying through at small upkeep expense. The county has a splendid outfit of roadbuilding machinery and it should be kept going as long as there is a road to build. Therefore, we congratulate the board of supervisors on their wise action in reestablishing the old order of things in the engineering department.

### SHRINE AUDITORIUM DEDICATION TO BE ELABORATE AFFAIR

Planned as the biggest, snappiest and most elaborate series of events of their kind ever held in the southwest, with something doing every minute for the hundreds of members that will attend from every corner of the state and a punch concealed somewhere in every activity, the dedication of the new El Zaribah temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, on Tuesday, February 22, the great initiatory work to follow it, the parade that will be held that evening, and the grand ball that will bring the festivities to a close on the evening of February 23, are being looked forward to as the greatest event of the season.

In addition to the ceremonies that will revolve about the dedication of the new Shrine auditorium, the occasion will mark the silver anniversary of El Zaribah temple, which was founded 25 years ago, and which, aside from all the other features of the two days, would be sufficient cause of festivity in itself. Every detail of the various activities is being mapped out on an elaborate scale, and Shriners yesterday declared that they had high hopes of setting a mark that will do for the rest of the southwest to shoot at for a long time to come.

The initiation will be the greatest event in the lodge annals of this section of the United States. Applications are being received from every nook and corner of Arizona, so that it now is known definitely that the largest class ever escorted over the burning sands in the state will take the work on February 22. There will be not less than 300 new members brought into the organization on that day, and the ceremonies are to be fully as elaborate as that great number justifies.

The entire series of events will be emphasized by the attendance of Imperial Potentate Ellis L. Garretson, who will come to Phoenix for the occasion and who will be accompanied by his divan of the imperial council. The personnel of his party will be known to Shriners within a few days.

A feature of the two days will be a ladies' reception under a special committee which will work in conjunction with the ladies of Phoenix members in a body to entertain the ladies of (Continued on Page Eight)

### "ABE LINCOLN DANCE" CREATING A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST

The Lincoln dance to be given at the Odd Fellows Hall tomorrow night at 8 p. m., in commemoration of Lincoln's birthday, will be one of the greatest ever held in Kingman, may be judged by the interest that is being taken in it by the public in general.

Decorations fitting to the occasion have been obtained and the committee in charge is doing all it can to make the ball room original as possible. The Hayes, Van Marter, Burke trio have secured the engagement to furnish music for the affair, and from the sample produced at our last dance in the Armour Building we can assure you that it will be of the very best.

Refreshments consisting of home-made cakes, sandwiches and coffee will be served. A general good time is in store for everyone and a record crowd is expected. Come one, come all and dance your troubles away.

#### CAMPAIGN FOR NEW MEMBERS STILL ON.

Several new members were secured for our local post during the ten day campaign which ended February first, but there still remains in this vicinity a number of ex-service men who should become members of this great organization.

To be a Legionnaire is an honor that money, position or the wealth of the world cannot buy. For that reason it is an honor that every man and woman eligible to pin this honor to themselves should do so and not for a moment hesitate. To be eligible to become a Legionnaire one must have offered his life for his country and that is one outstanding requirement which cannot be found in ninety nine out of a hundred of the great fraternal societies. To be a Legionnaire speaks great glory to the man and woman wearing the Legion button. People know the moment that they see a man or woman wearing the Legion button on their lapel that he or she offered to make the supreme sacrifice for their country. It signifies that the wearer offered to place his life on the altar of sacrifice.

The AMERICAN LEGION is one great order which was born on the battlefields of Europe, and it will live as long as aierhts anetaishrdetaoin as long as there is one of the five million men and women left to carry it on. When all Legionnaires are gone there will be sons and daughters and their sons and daughters who will organize a great society which will carry down the ages the name of the AMERICAN LEGION.

With the great glory offered to the ex-service men and women who served in the armed Naval and Military Forces in the Great World War they should not hesitate to become members of the AMERICAN LEGION.

The greater the membership the greater the organization, and the greater the organization the greater will be America.

The AMERICAN LEGION stands for God and Country. We fought together! Let's stick together! JOIN TO-DAY!

#### Roy Fridley Charged With Boot-legging

Roy Fridley, who formerly conducted a pool hall in Kingman, and who has been a prohibition agent in the south part of the state the past six months, is under arrest at Phoenix on a charge of bootlegging. Fridley is alleged to have used his official position to further his illegal traffic in booze and was making handsome profits in sales of booze. He had brought in quite a number of cases of liquor and had been peddling it out to thirsty customers when another agent of the department of justice took him in tow. He is held under \$5,000 bail.

#### NO JURY SESSION THIS MONTH

Judge E. Elmo Bollinger announces that there will be no jury session this month owing to the fact that there are no criminal cases on the calendar and some of the civil cases are not ready. The next jury session will come up the third Tuesday in May.

#### BORN

A son was born to Mrs. Newton A. Cope on January 31. Mr. Cope is a fireman for the Santa Fe.

### ARIZONA CENTRAL AND CITIZENS BANK MERGER IS ANNOUNCED HERE

T. E. Pollock, President of the Arizona Central Bank of Flagstaff and M. I. Powers, President of The Citizens Bank of the same city, have announced the merger of their respective institutions.

Under the terms of the merger, the \$150,000 of outstanding stock of The Citizens Bank, with its \$25,000 surplus, becomes consolidated with the assets of the Arizona Central Bank, a concern with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000, of which \$500,000 is outstanding. The merged institutions will operate as the Arizona Central Bank of Flagstaff, with M. I. Powers as President, and with resources of six million dollars as shown by last published statement.

This merger in itself adds materially to the financial strength of banking in Northern Arizona, but the additional statement is made that new interests, headed by J. S. Douglas, President of the United Verde Extension Mining Company, W. H. Brophy, President of the Bank of Bisbee, Director of the Los Angeles Trust and Savings Bank and for many years manager of the Phelps-Dodge Mercantile Company, and by H. J. McClung, President of the Phoenix National Bank, are to take an active part in the new organization. In addition, the announcement is made that interests closely allied with the First National Bank of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank—the strongest financial interest in the entire southwest—are also interested in the merger.

With such forces behind the consolidation great strength is to be added to the financial situation in Arizona, while the consolidation of the chain of branches of the two institutions primarily interested will greatly extend the service to be rendered the people of the state.

The Arizona Central Bank carries into the merger its branches in Kingman, Williams, Oatman, Cooley and Chloride, while The Citizens Bank brings into the merger branches in Kingman, Williams and Oatman.

One of the principal reasons for the bringing about of the merger at this time lies in the fact that T. E. Pollock has been forced by the press of his rapidly increasing outside personal interests to lay aside much of the detail work with which an active bank officer

is always faced. Mr. Pollock believed that the time has come when he can no longer carry both burdens without undue personal effort.

It is announced, however, that he will retain his position upon the Board of Directors of the combined institutions, and will lend his personal efforts towards making the new organization successful, not only from the standpoint of the banks themselves, but as a matter of service to the people of the state.

Other directors of the combined banks will be M. I. Powers, James S. Douglas, W. H. Brophy, H. J. McClung, C. J. Walters and J. F. Wilson.

C. J. Walters who has been Manager of the Kingman Branch of The Citizens Bank since June 1, 1914, has been elected Vice President of The Arizona Central Bank and will be in charge of the Mohave County Branches at Kingman, Oatman & Chloride with his headquarters at Kingman. For the present, at least, the business of the bank at Kingman will be conducted in The Arizona Central Bank building. The present quarters of The Citizens Bank will remain open during the usual banking hours for the convenience of safe deposit box patrons until arrangements for moving the boxes can be completed.

H. H. Watkins retires as an officer of the merged institution but retains his substantial stock interest in the bank and will probably continue to make his home in Kingman as he has done for over thirty years.

J. H. Rosenberg, at present Manager of The Arizona Central Bank, will sever his connection with the consolidated institution and will be associated with Mr. T. E. Pollock in a responsible capacity in his other personal interests in the West. Mr. Rosenberg has been one of the most public spirited citizens of this county, active in all movements for the good of Kingman and Mohave County and his departure will be deeply regretted by all of the community.

At Oatman the business of the consolidated bank will be conducted in the present quarters of The Citizens Bank with Jno. R. Hemphill as Manager and W. H. Long as Assistant Manager.

No change will be made in the management of the present branch at Chloride in this county.

### ANOTHER OLD TIMER IN COUNTY PASSES AWAY

Gus Johnson, one of the old timers of Goldroad and Oatman, died at the hospital in Kingman last Monday, death being due to tuberculosis. Mr. Johnson had been ill quite a number of years and his death was not unexpected.

Mr. Johnson worked in the Goldroad mine in its early days and had a host of friends among the mining fraternity. His funeral, which was held from the Van Marter undertaking parlors last Wednesday afternoon was well attended, many of the old friends and acquaintances following the remains to the grave in Mountain View cemetery. He was a splendid fellow and the mining country will feel his loss greatly.

#### APPLE SHOP

The Ladies of the Aid Society will have an apple shop on Feb. 19th, beginning at 10 o'clock p. m.

In connection with this apple shop there will be a candy table, also cakes and pies.

The patronage of the people is solicited.

#### Thursday Afternoon Club

There will be a meeting of the Home Economics Department of the Thursday Afternoon Club at the High School on Thursday afternoon, February 17, at 2:30 sharp. Members are especially requested to be prompt. Mrs. McDougall will demonstrate Spanish dishes.

#### SOCIAL TEA

A social tea will be given at the home of Mrs. I. M. George next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 for the benefit of the Ladies Aid Society.

Everybody welcome. A silver offering will be taken.

### BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT PROVING SUCCESSFUL

The determined effort made by Rev. Dodd to organize a Boy Scout Troop has turned out to be a most successful one. There are now enrolled in the local Scout Troop some forty boys between the ages of 12 and 16 years.

The work engaged in at the regular Tuesday evening meetings is of great interest to the boys and very instructive. The plans of procedure as laid down by Rev. Dodd are along the very best lines and the results thereof are very noticeable. Special attention is being paid to the boys physical condition and under the supervision of Scoutmaster R. S. Adams, who holds regular Saturday morning classes in physical culture, much is being done towards improving the boys physically.

The citizens of Kingman should realize that the boys of to-day are the men of to-morrow. We also know that early training in citizenship is essential to insure its being put into practice when the boy becomes old enough to exercise his citizenship rights. It is therefore urged that you lend every effort possible to assist in this great movement to the end that better men will grow out of those who are the boys of to-day.

The general public is invited to attend the initiation services next Tuesday evening at 7:30 P. M. in the basement of the M. E. Church. Come and see what we are trying to do for your boy.

#### Attention Trapshooters!

The regular practice shoot of the Gun Club will take place as usual at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

After the practice a meeting will be called and the matter of pulling off a registered tournament this spring will be discussed and decided.

A good attendance is desired.

### FIRE DEMOLISHES VAN MARTER BUILD- INGS ON BEALE ST.

Tuesday afternoon a fire broke out in the tailor shop belonging to Max Opetz and only by good fortune and a lot of hard work with fire extinguishers and a bucket brigade saved the town of Kingman from sustaining a serious loss. The wind was blowing in the direction of the St. Charles houses and it was thought almost certain for a time that they would go.

The origin of the fire is unknown but it is thought it started from defective wiring or from an iron in the tailor shop having been left connected. The proprietor of the shop, Max Opetz, was out at the time the fire started.

As soon as the fire alarm was given the citizens of Kingman arrived with fire extinguishers of all sizes, the big extinguisher of the Arizona Stores Company finally putting the fire out after probably a half hour's time.

C. R. Van Marter's loss probably amounted to \$1000, \$550 of which was covered by insurance. Max Opetz lost between \$400 and \$500, none of which was covered by insurance. Savage and Weighman's loss was well covered by insurance.

The need of a fire fighting apparatus for Kingman was more apparent than at any fire for sometime. A chemical engine mounted on a truck could have been gotten to the fire in time to have stopped it in its first stages. It is thought that before long some steps will be taken to organize a fire district here, as Chloride has done, and provide for fire protection.

### BASEBALL PRACTICE WILL START SOON

Last Wednesday evening several baseball players and fans met at the Indian Room in the Hotel Beale to take preliminary steps toward the organization of baseball in Kingman for the season of 1921.

Tom Devine was re-elected president of the club for the coming year and Joe Morgan was elected secretary and treasurer, succeeding Jay Gates, who found it impossible to give his time to baseball again this year.

No manager was elected. "Pat", who is now in San Francisco, sent word that it would be impossible for him to serve in that capacity again this season, and it is planned that the players will later elect the man who is to lead them into a winning season again this year.

If the weather continues right the boys will be out for practice before long. In looking over the material for this year, things looked very encouraging. "Hook" Smith, Bale, Robinson, Hayes, McMillan, Price, Webb, Devine, McKesson, Fennel, and Hammerslaw will probably be out for practice. Stan and Don George will join the team later. These men in addition to what new material may be developed, offers pretty good prospects for this year.

A baseball team is a good thing for the town and Kingman will again endeavor to put over a winning team.

#### BIRTHDAY PARTY

Wednesday evening of this week May Myers was pleasantly surprised by a number of her school chums, the occasion being her 18th birthday. A number of nice presents were received.

The evening was spent in dancing and playing games and at 10 o'clock ice cream and cake were served.

The following boys and girls helped May celebrate her 18th birthday:

Ruth Osborn, Kenneth Grizzelle, Fern Grizzelle, Morris Withers, Ruth Casteel, Ethel Imus, Frances Kaue, Toler White, Bernice McCay, Chester Minear, Lauretta Van Marter, Carr Green, Lloyd Greer.

#### DINNER PARTY

Mrs. R. S. Adams gave a dinner party last Sunday in honor of Miss O. L. Rollins and her brother, Richard Rollins, who are spending the winter here. There were seven guests invited. The table was prettily decorated with red and white carnations.

### FAST BASKETBALL GAME TO BE PLAY- ED HERE TOMORROW

Saturday night the Mohave County Union High School basketball team again mixes with the Flagstaff Normal boys. This time the game will be played at the High School Gymnasium in Kingman and will be harder fought for than the game played at Flagstaff a short time ago.

In mentioning the Flagstaff game one of the papers said of Kingman: "It was a fast and furious game, quite a number of technical fouls being made. Kingman played a fighting, snappy game, Flagstaff edging out due only to their superiority in shooting baskets."

In to-morrow night's game the following boys will probably have an opportunity to get into the game: Bill St. Charles, Brad St. Charles, Chester Minear, Leon Harris, Edwin Hilty, Carr Greer, Bob Van Marter and Ralph Johnson.

The boys have been working hard the past week getting into shape and Coach Kiburn is well pleased with their condition. They are working especially hard to win this game owing to the fact that it depends largely upon the results Saturday night as to whether Kingman plays at the tournament to be held in Flagstaff next week.

The admission charge is 50 cents and it is hoped the game will be well supported as the Athletic Association is still behind a little in their treasury.

The game is called for 7:45. After the game the Normal boys will be entertained at the dance to be given by the American Legion at the Odd Fellows Hall.

### NEXT WEEK TO BE BUSY ONE IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE

The legislature has been busily employed this week in threshing out the many bills that have been introduced in both branches. So far only a few have gone to the governor for his approval.

A bill giving the county engineer greater freedom of action, as well as giving to the boards of supervisors more power in the improvement, building and laying out of roads, passed the house unanimously Monday.

The bill that is destined to be largely fought over, and which will be known as the new compensation bill, has not yet been introduced. The bill, we understand, is to be fathered by Senator Curtin. Arizona needs a compensation law and the legislature should not adjourn until one becomes a law with the emergency clause. Senator Curtin knows the needs of men employed in the mines, as well as those who should be safeguarded by insurance.

Many important measures are expected to be forced through to passage during the coming week and there will be a big rush when the final week of the session arrives.

### FORT MOHAVE BOYS AND GIRLS TO GIVE PLAY HERE

A patriotic play will be given here at the Elks Hall on February 22 by the Indian boys and girls of the Fort Mohave Indian School. The Fort Mohave Band will also play at the performance.

#### ARKANSAS OIL

Wednesday last J. W. Garriott came up from Needles bringing with him samples of oil shale from a lease that he holds in the Ozark mountains of Arkansas. This shale is the real thing, being well impregnated with oil and it is his belief that the field from which it comes will soon be the scene of a large number of shallow wells.